

## FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION Washington, DC 20463

FEDERAL LLAG NO...

2015 HAT 27 PT. 12: 26

CELA SENSITIVE

TO:

The Commission

FROM:

Daniel A. Petalas

Associate General Counsel for Enforcement

William A. Powers WAP/DAP

Assistant General Counsel

Peter Reynolds

Attorney

**SUBJECT:** 

MUR 6713 (Sherry Huff, Carey Brown, et al.)

Abeyance of Matter

1 C L 2 XYN 5102 ,

EC S.J. ELECTION COMPISSION SECRETARIAT

This matter concerns an allegation that Carey Vaughn Brown, Account Pros, Inc., Credit Protection Depot, Credit Payment Services, Energy Way Corp., Sherry L. Huff, and Republican Union PAC effected a contribution in the name of another in violation of the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971, as amended (the "Act"). According to the Complaint, although Huff was the nominal source of a \$1 million contribution to Republican Union PAC, Brown or one of the entities he controls was the true source of the funds.

Holding the matter in abeyance for an additional period is not likely to undermine the Commission's enforcement matter — at the very earliest, the statute of limitations would not begin to run until July 19, 2017. As such, continuing to postpone the Commission's

MUR 6713 (Sherry Huff, Carey Brown, et al.) Memorandum to the Commission Page 2 of 2

treatment of the MUR for a reasonable amount of time would not place the enforcement matter in jeopardy of exceeding the applicable limitations period.

we recommend that the Commission hold MUR 6713 in abeyance for a period of six months.

## **RECOMMENDATION:**

Continue to hold MUR 6713 in abeyance for six months from the date of certification.